

**DODGE COUNTY
LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
April 4, 2014**

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chair, MaryAnn Miller, at 8:01 a.m.; a quorum was established with the following members present:

MaryAnn Miller
James Layman - excused
Aaron David
Darrell Pollesch
Ernest Borchardt

Also Present: Russell Kottke, Dodge County Board Chairman; Joseph Sciascia, Circuit Court Judge; Lynn Hron, Clerk of Courts; Kurt Klomberg, District Attorney; Bernie Mueller, Child Support Agency; Patricia Ninmann, Dodge County Sheriff; Scott Smith, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Department; Patrick Schoebel, Medical Examiner; Dale Schmidt; Barb Brandt, Br. 4 Judicial Assistant.

Miller certifies compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Approval of Agenda and Allow for Deviation: Motion made by David to approve Agenda and to allow for deviation; second by Pollesch. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion by David to approve Minutes of March 7, 2014; second by Pollesch. Motion carried.

Communications: Maryann Miller informed the committee she had attended the last meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee and also the Town Hall meeting on opioid abuse presented at Dodgeland High School. She also attended the award ceremony for the Sheriff's Department and the presentation given by Judge Storck at Student Government Day.

Aaron David informed the Committee about a treatment facility in Watertown and passed out brochures.

Circuit Court/Judge's Report: Judge Storck was not available to attend this Meeting, but provided a brief written report on the agenda items. These items included Open House plans for the Courthouse which will take place on May 17, 2014. Staff will be conducting tours of the first and second floors of the facility and be on hand to answer any questions from the public, and Judges are planning on showing the equipment used in the courtrooms.

There was a Courthouse meeting on April 1 where Lt. Jim Ketchem showed a security video called "Run, Hide, Fight" which dealt with an active shooter situation. Future security training is planned. Jen Tisdale also spoke to courthouse staff regarding Wellness Programs and available facilities.

Locks for holding cell doors will be replaced in the near future that use "fob" type locks.

Judge Sciascia reported that he also has another security video similar to the one shown on April 1 that was made by the UW Police Department and is willing to loan that out for interested parties. The UWPD Chief made a presentation at the security conference he attended last month and she is willing to present here and appear to other departments in the county. He is trying to coordinate a time for this.

Clerk of Courts Report: Lynn Hron brought in a visual aid in order to show the Committee how the electronic filing and paperless files will have a positive impact on her office. She brought in 1 month of paper that would have had to be filed in criminal files alone. This paper was filed by agencies and attorneys other than the District Attorney's Office or there would have been much more. Paperwork other than the DA office is now scanned into the proper file and by law has to be saved for 48 hours. This saves a tremendous amount of time not having to physically file all the paperwork.

Dodge County is looking at setting up a demonstration with the Bar Association so that their members can file by email and opt in for the electronic filing.

Lynn reported regarding the use of the fitness areas in both the Henry Dodge Building and the Administration Building. Some of her staff recently toured the facilities at the Sheriff's Department and reported that two more tours are scheduled for those interested in viewing the facility for use by Dodge County Justice Facility Employees.

Child Support Report: Bernie Mueller reported that there were no new items to report to the Committee.

District Attorney Report: Kurt Klomberg and Bob Barrington will be presenting at the law enforcement training next week. Most of the agencies in the County will be attendance for this two day training. This time counts toward law enforcement required training and it will help them in interactions between the District Attorney's office and the various law enforcement agencies.

DA Klomberg informed the Committee that the next Town Hall meeting regarding opioid use/abuse will take place at the Horicon High School next Thursday, April 10, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Medical Examiner Report: PJ Schoebel distributed his office's quarterly report to the Committee, with the numbers being up from last year. The drug problem is continuing to drive these numbers up.

Sheriff Department Report: Sheriff Ninmann reported that the Sheriff's Office will be purchasing 5 new SUV-type squad cars and replacing one of the jail vans. Beaver Dam Ford was able to match the State bid so these vehicles will be purchased locally. Motion was made by Borchardt to approve the purchase of these vehicles from Beaver Dam Ford with a second by David. The Committee was informed that repairs will be covered by the warranty, but that regular upkeep, i.e. oil changes, is spread around other businesses in the county. Regarding a question on maneuverability, the Committee was informed that the SUV's handle comparable or better in pursuit situations. Motion carried.

Chief Deputy Smith reported on the upgrade/purchase of a new logger system. The current system has been in place since 2005 – this is the system that records all radio and telephone calls in the 911 Center and administrative phone lines. It is crucial for both the legal process

and providing public record requests that this system be updated. The logger system that was purchased in 2005 was then state of the art and was purchased for over \$80,000, but it is now aging having been in use for 9 years and in fact there have been a couple of recent equipment failures. Money has been budgeted for the replacement. Under a new four year contract the vendor will provide service and upgrades to the system with this plan cost being under budget. The Word Systems total package will bring Dodge County into compliance for all the 911 updates which will be coming and will be able to accept not only analog telephone calls, but also digital, text and video. Motion was made by Borchardt to approve this new contract with second by Pollesch. Motion carried.

The ammunition purchases for SWAT is still within the budgeted amount for both training and duty coverage and the Sheriff's Office continues to look for the best prices.

Upcoming dates include Coffee with the Cops at Helen's Kitchen in Waupun, and a Town Hall Meeting in Horicon on April 10. Lomira will be the next area for a Town Hall Meeting with Waupun to follow, but dates have not been finalized for those areas yet. The Sheriff reported that she has received a lot of positive feedback on the Town Hall Meeting. The Horicon meeting will also include a parent on the panel. It has been suggested that an EMS provider be included so that the community will realize the impact the opioid use has on workers that respond to the emergencies that occur. DA Klomberg pointed out that the purpose of these meetings is to educate the public by reaching as many residents as possible, and be proactive by opening up doors for treatment.

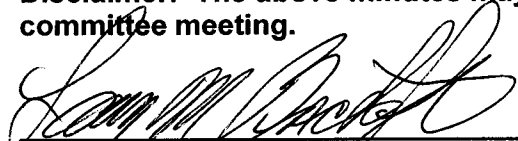
Deputy Smith reported that Jay Westhuis has received many compliments regarding his work on the TAD grant.


Other business: Retiring Board Members and Law Enforcement Committee Members Ernest Borchardt, Aaron David were presented certificates of appreciation for their leadership, support and service to the County and the LE Committee. James Layman would also be receiving the same.

Next Meeting: Friday, May 2, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Justice Facility.

Adjournment: Motion by David to adjourn meeting; second by Pollesch. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 a.m..

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.


Larry M. Bischoff, Secretary


Barbara N. Brandt, Recording Secretary